

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 10-15 as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic elastomer composition;

~~comprising~~ consisting of

an ethylene-propylene-nonconjugated diene ternary copolymer or an ethylene-propylene binary copolymer, a crystalline polyolefin resin, a non-aromatic softening agent, and an organic peroxide, ~~wherein~~

the crystalline polyolefin resin ~~has~~ having from 0.1 g/10 min. to 100 g/10 min. of melt flow rate ~~which is being measured in accordance with JIS K7210~~ under conditions of 230°C and 21.18 N and ~~is~~ being contained in an amount of from 10 to 150 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer;

the non-aromatic softening agent ~~has~~ having a kinetic viscosity of 300 mm²/s or more at 40°C and ~~is~~ being contained in an amount of from 20 to 150 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer;

the organic peroxide ~~is~~ being contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer; and

~~a hardness measured by a JIS type A durometer is from 30 to 70~~
degrees.

Claim 9 (Original): The thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth in Claim 8, wherein the crystalline polyolefin resin is contained in an amount of 100 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth in Claim 8, wherein compression set ~~measured in accordance with JIS K6262~~ after 168 hours of standing time at 100°C is 50% or less.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth in Claim 9, wherein compression set ~~measured in accordance with JIS K6262~~ after 168 hours of standing time at 100°C is 50% or less.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A method of forming a gasket, which is formed by using the said method comprising the step of

injection molding a thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth
~~in claim 8 as a material~~ including an ethylene-propylene-nonconjugated diene

ternary copolymer or an ethylene-propylene binary copolymer, a crystalline polyolefin resin, a non-aromatic softening agent, and an organic peroxide, the crystalline polyolefin resin having from 0.1 g/10 min. to 100 g/10 min. of melt flow rate being measured under conditions of 230°C and 21.18 N and being contained in an amount of from 10 to 150 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer; the non-aromatic softening agent having a kinetic viscosity of 300 mm²/s or more at 40°C and being contained in an amount of from 20 to 150 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer; the organic peroxide being contained in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight every 100 parts by weight of the copolymer; and a hardness from 30 to 70 degrees.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The ~~molded~~ method of forming a gasket constituting a cover member, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth in claim 8 is 12, further comprising the step of integrally molded molding the thermoplastic elastomer composition together with a metal sheet as a gasket.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The ~~sealing structure between two members constituted such that a metal surface of one member and a surface of the other member face to each other while interposing a gasket therebetween~~ method of

forming a gasket as set forth in claim 12, wherein the ~~sealing structure between two members is constituted such that the gasket which is formed by injection molding the thermoplastic elastomer composition as set forth in claim 8~~ is formed on a metal surface of one member coated with an adhesive and is pressed against a surface of the other another member to form a sealing structure between the two members.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A sealing structure comprising

a gasket, ~~which is interposed~~ located between a surface of a first member and a surface of a second member ~~which face to, the surface of the first member and the surface of the second member facing each other and is the gasket being adhered by an adhesive to the surface of the first member such that it the gasket seals a space between the two members,~~

wherein, as a cross-sectional shape of the gasket in a width direction, length H_0 in a direction in which the two members face to each other and width W_0 of an adhesion face against the surface of the first member have a relation of " $H_0/W_0 \geq 0.8$ " therebetween, and, ~~further,~~

as a cross-sectional shape of the gasket in the width direction, a base portion arranged on the side of the surface of the first member and a projection

portion ~~which is formed in a state~~ projected from the base portion and comprises ~~including~~ a tip end of a curved face pointing toward the surface of the second member ~~are provided, and, still further,~~ a curvature radius R of the tip end of the curved face is ~~being~~ 0.1 mm or more.